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OROVILLE SPILLWAY INCIDENT PRESS BRIEFING

MONDAY 11:00 AM

Oroville, Calif. – There will be a press briefing at 11 AM, March 27. It will be held at the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Oroville Field Division office, **460 Glen Drive Oroville, CA 95966**.

Topics:

- Flood Control Spillway to Ramp Down to Zero Flow Process
- Update on Emergency Response and Recovery Activities

DWR will begin ramping down outflows from Lake Oroville on Monday, March 27. Flows from the flood control spillway will be reduced starting midday and eventually reach zero cubic feet per second (cfs).

DWR temporarily reduced the flows from the Hyatt Powerplant today, March 26 from 2,000 cfs to zero cfs in preparation for this activity. Flows from the Powerplant are scheduled to resume as part of the ramp down process. Flow releases from the Hyatt Powerplant and the Thermalito Afterbay will be used to manage downstream Feather River flows and water elevations.

For those unable to attend, the press briefing will be streamed live on DWR's Facebook page.

For information on lake conditions – including lake levels, inflows, and outflows – visit the <u>Oroville Reservoir page</u> on the California Data Exchange Center or the California Department of Water Resources <u>news page</u> or the <u>Oroville Spillway Incident page</u>.

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